Telecast of play "Seetar agni Pariksha" by the Calcutta Doordarshan

452. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta T. V. station received any complaints from viewers about a play "Seetar Agni Pariksha" telecast on March 18, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Certain viewers have criticised the content of the play "Seetar Agni Pariksha". It has also been alleged that certain irrelevant depictions have been made in the play which have hurt their sentiments.

It has never been the intention of Doordarshan to hurt feelings of any community. Even though some letters appreciative of the programme were also received by the Doordarshan Kendra and the play in question received favourable comments in the Press but keeping in view the general reaction, Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta has already apologised to the viewers through their programme entitled "Darshaker Darbare". Further, instructions have been issued to all Doordarshan Kendras to take maximum care in the matter of telecast of plays, dramas, etc. so as to avoid such criticism.

"News Line" Programme on Doordarshan

453. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan has not given extension to the 'News Line' programme; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The 'News Line' programme was contracted for 13 episodes only on experimental basis and this contractual obligation has already been fulfilled by the Doordarshan.

Purchase of ASIAD Complex Flats for General Pool Allotment

454. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to purchase some dwelling units in the ASIAD Complex for special allocation within the General Pool of Accommodation;

(b) if so, the number of flats proposed to be purchased and at what price;

(c) the category of persons to whom these flats are likely to be allotted;

(d) the number of flats which have so far been sold and at what price; and

(e) the manner in which the remaining flats are proposed to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, a proposal is under consideration.

(d) 276 dwelling units in ASIAD Village Complex have been sold so far at different prices as indicated in the enclosed statement. (*See below*).

(e) The manner to dispose of the remaining flats is being finalised soon by the Government.